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In response to Applicants request filed December 11, 2003 to initial and return the PTO-1449 for the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 13, 2000, the form has been considered and initialed, and is made of record. It should be noted that foreign Patent WO 97/92311 was not supplied with the other references, and WO 97/39121 was supplied, and has been included on the PTO-1449.

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